LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH

Domestic

An illustration of the efficiency of the school fire drill was furnished when the 500 kindergarten pupils in the biggest industrial school on the East Side, New York, were emptied in less than two minutes after a slight fire in a chimney. None of the scholars is over seven years, while many are less than four.

As a result of being shot while a passenger on a Pullman traveling from Columbus, S. C., to Augusta, Ga., former Judge O. W. Buchanan died in a hospital in Augusta. The investigation of the shooting shows it was accidental, the shot having apparently been fired by boys playing with a rifle.

A report has been sent to the Secretary of the Navy that Judge Richard S. Tuthill, of Chicago, released a boy accused of theft on condition that the lad would enlist in the Navy.

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The North German Lloyd liner Kronprinz Wilhelm arrived at quarantine from being sent to the bottom as the result of a collision in the fog off quarantine, New York, with the British tramp Crown of Castile.

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The Southern Railway has withdrawn its free trains from all points in Georgia to prevent attachments from being served upon them for money.

Postmaster David J. Smith, of West Nyack, N. J., single-handed, drove off three highwaymen who broke into and ed the office safe.

The town of Braham, Minn., on the Great Northern Railroad, 60 miles from Minneapolis, was almost wiped out by fire.

Governor President Cleveland quietly celebrated his seventy-first birthday at Lakewood, N. J., with a few excellent health.

Every cotton mill in Rhode Island will announce a 10 per cent. wage reduction on April 1.

The home of Henry Ills, a tobacco farmer near Louisville, was burned by night riders.

Mr. Bryan celebrated his forty-eighth birthday by making two speeches in Chicago.

The United Mine Workers' convention in session which will exert a general soft coal wage scale.

Teachers' salaries are to be reduced in Memphis, Tenn., and the high school funds formerly derived from saloon licenses.

Daniel LeRoy Dresser, former president of the Trust Company of the Republic, New York, was arrested and charged with misappropriating $4,000 of the bank's funds. He was paroled in custody of counsel.

Jere Knode Cooke, the unfrocked rector who eloped with Florida Whaley, says he is earning a week's pay for a week's work as painter and decorator.

Governor Hughes has appointed Chief Judge Charles Andrews to investigate the Erie Railroad.

Raymond Hitchcock, the actor, was acquitted of the charge of assaulting young girls.

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TRAGEDIES OF THE ATLANTIC

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Many Newfoundland Fisherman Among Those Who Perished—Burning of Steamer Cuthbert and Wreck of British Steamer Tolesby—Remarkable Life-saving Feats.

Boston, Mass. (Special)—A review of the marine casualties of the coast of New England and British North America during the fall and winter seasons just ended, shows that about 256 lives were lost. Of this number 24 persons perished in the wreck of 15 vessels belonging to the French fishing fleet off St. Pierre, Miquelon, last fall. Those vessels foundered in a heavy gales which swept the Grand Banks. About 25 Newfoundland fishermen were also lost in these storms.

The most thrilling disaster was that which befell the British steamer St. Cuthbert, off the Nova Scotia Coast February 7. The steamer, with a cargo from Antwerp to New York, caught fire, and in their endeavors to fight the conflagration 11 men perished—13 by drowning and 2 by falling into the burning hold. The particulars of the gallant rescue of the survivors by the men of the White Star steamer Cymric are well known.

Another notable disaster of the winter was the wreck of the British steamer Tolesby, Galveston Tex., for Havre. The Tolesby struck the coast at Freshwater Point, near Cape Race, in a heavy snowstorm on the night of January 13. The steamer broke in two and the crew was in danger of being swept overboard. They succeeded in getting ashore, but encountered a steep cliff 200 feet in height and attempted to scale it, only to suffering intensely from cold and from the spray of the breakers, all hands were rescued.

One of the greatest feats in marine annals was the saving of 600 persons who were on the Hamburg-American steamer Mount Temple when she struck on the Lizard, Cornwall, Ledges, off Bridgewater, N. S., on the night of December 2, while on her way to St. John from Antwerp. The steamer went on the rocks during a heavy snowstorm, and at the time it was thought she would go to pieces. The women and children were landed on the iron-bound island by means of breeches buoys and baskets, and the men were taken off in boats from the fishing schooners and tugs.

On December 14 the Thomson Hillside, bound from Dundee for Portland, struck Brazil Rock, off Cape Sable, N. S., and was totally wrecked. The crew was rescued by the steamer Lunenburg.

The latest misfortune to befall a steamer was that which overtook the Red Cross steamer Silvia, New York to Bermuda, January 28. St. John, N. B., she was wrecked March 14 on Sow and Pigs Reefs. All the passengers and crew were landed at New Bedford.

During the fall the loss of two famous New England vessels were reported, the steamer City of Rockland and the schooner Florida Whaley, each of which was valued at $100,000. Thomas W. Lawson went to pieces on the Scilly Islands. Nearly all of the crew were drowned.

The steamer Cuthbert was burned and one that may always remain a mystery was the disappearance of the Black Diamond liner Tolesby, one of the best known vessels in the American fleet. She left Philadelphia on April 2, 1907, for Seattle, Wash., and has never been reported since she left Delaware Breakwater. The Sewall carried a cargo of coal and probably a crew of 30 men all on board.

In addition to the vessels named 30 schooners, 10 barges and several vessels of other rig were wrecked in New England and Canadian waters.

ELEPHANTS AT LARGE.

Escape From Circus And Are Shot At By Peasants.

Valdosta, Ga. (Special).—Chief of Police Dampier received a telegram from Nashville, Ga., 30 miles from Valdosta, stating that two of Forepaugh-Sells circus elephants had escaped and were headed for Valdosta, where the circus was to exhibit.

Later reports which reached here say that the elephants were surrounded nine miles from Nashville by a crowd of farmers with guns and that the big animals were fired upon, the shots infuriating them and causing them to break away. Telegrams from White Springs say that the people in that section, although that section are organizing for a big elephant hunt.

Gatling Gun For Night Riders.

Maysville, Ky. (Special).—American Tobacco Company representatives have placed a Gatling gun on the roof of their warehouse here to prevent Night Riders from burning the building. Men will be constantly on guard, and the latest, will use the gun if the Night Riders appear.

Admiral Sperry To Command.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Rear Admiral Charles S. Sperry will bring the battleship fleet from San Francisco to the Atlantic coast by way of the Suez canal. This detail was announced by Secretary Metcalf.

Want Japanese In Unions.

Seattle (Special).—M. Saito, former member of the Japanese Parliament Minister of Commerce, has arrived here from Tokio to study the campaign among union labor leaders for admission of Japanese workmen in unions, membership in organized labor bodies.

Fire Covers 22 Acres.

Lyons, France (By Cable).—A fire here in a big biscuit factory spread over a block and destroyed 22 acres. More than $400,000 damage and been done.

Locomotive Explodes.

Binghampton, N. Y. (Special).—The boiler of a Delaware and Hudson freight locomotive was blown out while the engine was taking water at Schenevus about midnight instantly killing Engineer A. Hendrickson and Brakeman A. Korfage, both of Oneonta. Fireman S. O. Smith, also of Oneonta, was so badly injured that he died. The cause of the explosion is not known.

Bull points are that Union Pacific will go to 150.

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THE JAPS WILL SEE OUR BIG FLEET

Mikado's Invitation Has Been Accepted By Government.

SHIPS MAY ALSO VISIT CHINA.

Fleet Will Remain a Week in Japanese Waters—The Invitation Says the Visit Is Intended to Express Their Friendship and Admiration for American People.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—The Japanese battleship fleet is to visit Japan. The desire of the Emperor of the island Kingdom to play host to the "Big Sixteen" was laid before Secretary Root by Baron Takahira, the Japanese ambassador. The invitation, which was couched in the most cordial terms, was made the subject of extended consideration by President Roosevelt and his entire Cabinet. Secretary Root was directed to accept the invitation, and the acceptance was laid before the Japanese Ambassador.

It is regarded in official circles here as a foregone conclusion that China will be next to bid for a look at the fleet, and that should that be the case the invitation would be accepted.

Secretary Metcalf and Admiral Pillsbury, chief of navigation, are to map out the details of the new itinerary. With the visits of Japan and China it is believed to have been determined that the fleet will circumnavigate the globe, so far as the witness can be able to reach the Atlantic seaboard through Suez or the Mediterranean.

The itinerary, which seems to be the tentative, includes stops at the Hawaiian Islands, Samoa, Melbourne, Sydney and Manila. It is understood that port be selected as the stopping place for the fleet in Australian waters, but the Philippines and Hong Kong are certain to be visited, with only such stops as are necessary for coaling.

A Week At Japan.

Japan will remain at the ship a week, according to tentative plans. While the fleet is in Japanese waters it will be made have been on an average of 17 knots an hour, and the time that time was occupied in taking on coal. While in Japanese waters the coaling operations would be necessary. It is probable that Honolulu will be visited in Yokohama. This would enable the fleet to reach the Philippines after a 7,000 mile run.

The acceptance of the Japanese invitation is the official circle as of considerable importance in the way of a demonstration of the cordiality existing between the American and Japanese governments. The added trip is nearly equal in distance to a voyage from New York to Europe.

Japan's Invitation.

The text of Japan's letter follows:

JAPANESE EMBASSY,

Washington, March 16, 1908.

Sir: I have instruction from His Majesty's minister of foreign affairs to have the honor to communicate to you that the Japanese government having learned of the contemplated cruise of the United States battleship fleet from San Francisco to the Atlantic ports, by which it would be convenient to be afforded an opportunity to cordially welcome the said armament fleet and to give an enthusiastic demonstration of the friendship, sympathy and admiration invariably entertained by the Japanese nation towards the people of the United States.

I am further instructed to inform you that the Japanese government is firmly convinced of the reassurance which the visit of the American fleet to the shores of Japan will confer upon the traditional relations of good understanding and mutual sympathy which so happily exist between the two nations and to express to you the hope of the imperial government that the said fleet may be instructed to call at the principal ports of Japan in the course of its cruise in the Pacific.

I avail, etc., the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

BARON TAKAHIRA.

Hon. Elihu Root, Secretary of State.

Famine Of Farm Workers.

Canada is agricultural for one lady to do farmers her require help on their farms that the Farmers' League of Lancaster county has made an appeal to the unemployed of city and town to go to the farms and work.

An appeal has been sent also to the governors of the various states urging, at Washington, asking that able-bodied immigrants be directed to this county.

Aged Man Shot By Police.

Wellsburg, W. Va. (Special).—Chief of Police Otis Riley shot and fatally wounded Alex Trent, aged eighty-six, who resisted arrest. Riley says the aged man drew a knife on him.

FINANCIAL

One Chicago speculator sold 500,000 bushels of corn at 67 cents.

So far this year Cornell Steel Incorporations have either suspended or reduced their dividends.

The New York Air Brake Company will pay $1 per share on account of $60,000 of 6 per cent. convertible bonds.

The United States Treasury now has a cash working balance of $49,000,000 and additional $50,000,000 held by the banks.

Reports from all other railroads, the hard coalers, especially Reading and Lehigh Valley, will make very favorable reports for February.

The Pennsylvania Railroad will at average 8.4 per cent. on its capital stock during the last six years, the dividend declared being 3 per cent.

The Pennsylvania Railroad, the Rockefellers and not the Guggenheims now dominate American Smelting.

Nearly all brokers report a better commission business this week.

In seven years United States Steel corporation has $427,000,000 and paid $262,000,000 in dividends.

George H. Earle, Philadelphia, gave out an optimistic statement predicting a return to "McKinley prosperity."

A good deal of comment has been heard over the delay in New York Central's dividend meeting.

Reading declared its regular semiannual dividend of 2 per cent. on the second preferred.

ROOSEVELT AND THE PLUTOCRACY

Talks to a French Editor of His "Crusade."

Paris (By Cable).—The Temps published an article on President Roosevelt from the pen of André Tardieu, its foreign editor, who has just returned to Paris from America, where he was received by Mr. Roosevelt three times.

After picturing the President's youthful vigor and his love for the struggles against wrongs and abuses, M. Tardieu quotes from the President's utterances to him, especially in connection with his "crusade."

The President declared that struggle against plutocracy was because he was an enemy of socialism and anarchy. I am, after my fashion, a conservative," he quotes the writer Mr. Roosevelt as saying, "and it is for that I combat the abuses of plutocracy. I know the people in Wall Street denounce me as a Judas Iscariot, but it is because I speak the language of truth to the American people that I think I am a good patriot. I am not a sentimentalist. Let them attack me; I will defend myself by appealing to the spirit of justice in the country. I will re fire."

Continuing, Mr. Roosevelt said he thought that what the United States lacked most was a comprehension of the fact that she has interests throughout the entire world.

"I wish all Americans," the President said, "would feel that American politics are supposed to be played on a wider scale.

Mr. Roosevelt then spoke with enthusiasm of the Panama Canal, which he said would go to Hawaii, probably to Manila and through the Suez Canal to Europe. He said he hoped to make this voyage himself, and he spoke with pride of the American people that the Navy was ever ready to defend the rights they should be ignorated in and proved of the Monroe doctrine he declared to show to the other powers that the United States was there. The President declared that without the Monroe doctrine there would eventually have two fleets, but in the future there would be but never would be divided.

"We say," M. Tardieu quotes Mr. Roosevelt as remarking, "speak softly and carry a big stick. We have a good policy in international troubles and it is good also in foreign politics."

BOY, DISGRACED, A SUICIDE.

Police Discovered He Had Sent Black-mail Letter to Father.

Wheeling, W. Va. (Special).—Detectives Hogan and Hall discovered had discovered that he was the author of a blackmail letter sent to his father two weeks ago, in which he demanded the payment to him of $1,000 or more of money placed in a certain manner. The letter was signed by A. Q. Whittacker, one of the boy's fictitious names.

Fearing that the house at an early hour. When he did not return home, a search was made for him. He was found body was found at the rear of the house. A pistol with one empty chamber was found by his side. He had shot himself in the head.

A King May Lose An Arm.

Madrid (Special).—El Mundo says that the wound Prince Manuel—now King of Portugal—received in the arm on February 1, when King Carlos and Prince Louis Philippe were assassinated, has not healed, and has developed into a chronic sore. The attending physicians, says the paper, declare that amputation is imperative.

Salesman A Suicide.

Tampa, Fla. (Special).—A. H. Miller, traveling representative of a Cincinnati firm, committed suicide in the Hillsboro Hotel with a pistol. He left a letter to his wife as follows: "I have been fighting it for years, and now I have failed. I hold back any longer. I know that I will be better off. Will be buried at Camden, S. C."

"Last One" Dead Again.

Lajara, Ga. (Special).—William Nelms, aged ninety years, who claims to be the "last survivor of the noble six hundred" at Balaklava, is dead. He was a private in the Confederate army during the civil war. He was wounded in the battle of Malvern Hill, and also fought at Sebastopol and at the battle of Inkerman. He came to America in 1872.

To Bottle All The Fleas.

Boston (Special).—Patents have been received by the immigration officials at Ellis Island for a machine to bottle up every flea they can catch on immigrants for microscopic examination later. Each flea is to have a separate bottle, the bottle to be labeled with the name of the flea's host, his home and the name of the port.

May Be The Train Robbers.

St. Paul, Minn. (Special).—A special to the Pioneer Press from Bozeman, Mont., says that two men, answering the description of the Great Northern train robbers, who escaped from jail at Helena Montana April 1, were arrested at Bozeman by Sheriff Reynolds, as they alighted from a freight train.

One Year For Forgery.

Lexington, Ky. (Special).—Walter R. Day, state treasurer under the Beckham administration, was given by Governor W. S. Taylor in 1900, was sentenced to serve one year in the penitentiary for forgery. He began to-day his term, having failed to secure a pardon. An amendment for the immediate abolition of all the fees was rejected. The decision is an outcome of active support of the project by the Governments of the project by and the United States, expressed through their respective Consular officers.

Prisoner Leaps To Death.

York, Pa. (Special).—Arrested in Harrisburg as a horsethief and turned over to a York County officer, who had a warrant for him, Samuel Knaub, aged 27 years, dived from the window of a fast-moving train on the Northern Central Railroad and met a tragic death. He had locked himself in a toilet-room, and, although handcuffed, dashed himself through the glass in a desperate effort to escape. The motion of the train drew him beneath the wheels and his head was crushed to a pulp.

KILLS WIFE WHOM HE DID NOT LOVE

Man Then Shoots Himself and May Not Recover.

CHLOROFORMED WHILE SHE SLEPT.

Willoughby at First Pretended Burglars Committed the Deed—After-wards Confessed He Led a Double Life for Four Years—Domestic Affairs Unhappy.

Milwaukee, Wis. (Special)—George Willoughby, manager of the Jewett & Sherman Company, coffee and spice mills, shot and killed his wife at their home, on Prospect Avenue. Willoughby then fired two shots into his breast over the heart and is not expected to recover. He confessed to the police that he had committed the murder because he was infatuated with another woman, whom he had been supporting for four years. After the shooting Willoughby dragged himself downstairs to the basement, opened the side door so as to make it appear that burglars had committed the deed, hid the revolver in the wall of the basement and then telephoned for a doctor. When the police arrived they at first were informed that a burglar had done the shooting. Willoughby's wife was one of the finest women of the community. She was a leader in church and charitable work, and was highly esteemed by all who knew her.

Willoughby's domestic affairs have been unhappy for some time. He had been a wealthy man, but for the first time he is now in debt. He has been living beyond his means, and his creditors have been pressing him for money. Mrs. Willoughby was ignorant of her husband's double life. She had no suspicion that he was infatuated with another woman. Willoughby was insanely jealous of me. Mat-thews. For the last four or five years ago, while I was on my way to New York, I met a woman on the train. For the first time I realized what it was to be a woman really loved.

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WASHINGTON

A bill was passed by the House authorizing the disposition of obsolete Springfield rifles, bayonets and bayonet scabbards to the National Rifle Associations companies composed of veterans of the Confederate army.

Frank H. Hosford, a well known newspaper correspondent in Washington, and who formerly represented the Detroit Free Press, committed suicide by gashing his wrists and throat.

Consideration of the fortification appropriation bill was begun in the House. The measure carries an appropriation of $5,000,000, which is over $30,000,000 less than the estimates.

Senator Hall, chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs, declared in the Senate that the charge that the cruise of the battleship fleet to the Pacific was a "pleasure trip" was a canard.

Representative Lilley issued a statement declaring that the Interstate Boat Company had made an excess charge of $1,000,000 against it on contracts with the government.

The House voted down a resolution calling on President Roosevelt for several reports on trusts. Mr. Higgins having intimated that the trust was being screened.

Senator LaFollette's bill for the appointment of a commission, which investigates the cost of living and the causes of the present high prices, was made a special order for April 1.

Senator Magoon of Cuba, will protest against the quarantine which the United States government has announced will be instituted against Cuba after April 1.

Official reports received at the State Department from Minister Furniss, at Port au Prince, indicate that the crisis in Hayti has passed.

Representative Gillett delivered a speech in the House opposed both the Aldrich and the Fowler bills.

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THINKS ORCHARD TOLD THE TRUTH

Judge Asks Commutation of Sentence.

Caldwell, Idaho (Special).—Should he believed that Harry Orchard told the truth in the trials of Wm. D. Haywood and Charles Moyer, the former of the murder of the Governor Frank Steunenberg, the exact truth, attempting to keep nothing, Judge Fremont Wood, the district court, recommended to the State Board of Pardons mute Orchard's sentence of death imprisonment in the state penitentiary.

The sentence of death was pronounced in accordance with the guilty entered by Orchard week, when arraigned. Judge presided at both the Haywood-Pettibone trials. Judge Wood's recommendation in a long decision, quoting authorities holding that an equitable principle of the court of a confessing to make it appear that burglars had committed the deed, hid the revolver in the wall of the basement and then telephoned for a doctor. When the police arrived they at first were informed that a burglar had done the shooting. Willoughby's wife was one of the finest women of the community. She was a leader in church and charitable work, and was highly esteemed by all who knew her.

Willoughby's domestic affairs have been unhappy for some time. He had been a wealthy man, but for the first time he is now in debt. He has been living beyond his means, and his creditors have been pressing him for money. Mrs. Willoughby was ignorant of her husband's double life. She had no suspicion that he was infatuated with another woman. Willoughby was insanely jealous of me. Matthews. For two years ago, while I was on my way to New York, I met a woman on the train. For the first time I realized what it was to be a woman really loved.

"This woman, also, was living an unhappy life. Her husband was cruel to her and I saw at once that he deserted her and her two small children. My heart began to support her. We became intimate and have been on several quiet, secret trips ago she obtained a divorce and since then we have been married. Mrs. Willoughby never knew of me. Matthews. She knew of a woman in Chicago, but she was always kind to her and never suspected that I was living a double life.

In our day there was a high stone around it instead of grandfather's split rail fence. Our uncles and aunts had built that rail fence, by school, so that it was old enough to command respect. Our school days were long, with the singing birds and the lowing cattle in the meadows and the sweet scent of the wild flowers in the air. Our games were simple, but they were games that we could play with a hearty good will, both on the school ground and on the way home. Our lessons were not learned from books, but from the lips of our teachers, and they were lessons that we could understand and remember.

Our teacher was a big, handsome woman, with a voice like a man's, and a name to conjure with—Miss Sharon Fe. Every morning on his fate and harrowing our minds with the story of Napoleon's conquering his last moments. He played the part of Napoleon, many of our games and make-believes; he was always the good fairy who appeared mysteriously in the nick of time and rescued us from all difficulties. He was the most delightful man that he never grew old like our other uncles. He never had a wife and was always the curly-headed youngster, with the laughing blue eyes, of the framed daguerreotype hanging up in grandfather's room. If he had ever come back in reality we would have expected him to look just like that. We had a vague idea that grandfather and Uncle Sharon were friends of the Lafayette order.

The necessity for paper money in China is shown in the fact that the issue of the Deutsch Asiatische Bank, in circulation since June, has reached the sum of $450,000. ($225,000 United States gold).

The prices of vessels in England are reported to be 15 per cent. lower than a year ago.

THE OLD SOUTH ORCHARD.

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It is now more than seventy years since the beginning, when Jim Harrison's father brought his bride home. Jim's father had he fenced off the south meadow that sloped to the Shenahan Brook, and planted it with apple trees, the finest, most favored on the farm and the neighborhood. Grandfather Harrison had raised many a crop of wheat on that meadow. Abraham King had also raised many a crop of wheat on his meadow, but in his mind he had visions of the years to be, and that vision he saw, not rippling fields of harvest gold, but great leafy acres of wide-spreading trees, and he had set them out with his own hands. Jim's father and grandchildren yet understood. Grandfather called it a folly, and said nothing